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The correspondence of the bureau, with the Ministry of commerce, industry, and colonies, and with the other ministries and their organs, shall be conducted in the forms prescribed by the various ministries.

ART. 8. The temporary and permanent agents engaged in the external service of the bureau are to make their investigations directly at various places, to collect information, etc. They are under the immediate supervision of the director, and act at his order and under his instructions. Any investigations to be made, or facts to be collected, concerning the establishments or industries under the control or direction of the state, remain exclusively in the hands of the appropriate administration, unless the administration request the assistance of the bureau of labor.

ART. 9. The information collected and arranged by the bureau of labor shall form the basis of a periodical publication to be entitled *Bulletin de l'Office du Travail*. Separate publications on special questions may also be made.

In accordance with the above decree, of which the above are the main features, the president of the republic has appointed, by a decree bearing the same date, M. Lax, general inspector of roads and bridges, and formerly director of railroads in the ministry of public works, to be the first director of the bureau.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE ON STATISTICS OF IMMIGRATION.

Estimates of the number of immigrants arriving in the United States previous to 1820 are found in Seybert's *Statistical Annals*, and in the *Tenth Census*, vol. *Population*, 457. The immigration from Great Britain since 1815 is recorded in the British *Statistical Almanac*.

In 1817 returns were made by the customs-house officials in the ten principal ports, showing the number of passengers who had entered at those ports during the year. These returns are now on file.

Accurate statistical material has been collected since 1820, in compliance with the Passenger Act of March 2, 1819. This act required that a list of all passengers should be furnished the customs' collectors in each port, giving age, sex, occupation, country from which passengers came, and the place of intended residence. These state-

ments were all to be forwarded quarterly to the Secretary of State. Since 1868 these reports are bound with the *Commerce and Navigation Reports*. Before that date they were bound with the reports of the Department of State. These reports give the ages, in periods of 5 years, of all immigrants under 40, and then simply note those above 40 with sex, occupation and nativity. Previous to 1856 all passengers were enumerated, whether travellers or immigrants; between 1856-68 the statistics distinguished as to the total number of alien arrivals, the immigrants from transient passengers, and since 1868 the number of immigrants of each nationality is shown separately from the sojourners.

Another source of information for an investigation of this subject is found in the passenger abstracts transmitted to the Secretary of State, by the collector of customs, and on file in the Department, but which are not embraced in the annual reports on immigration.

A third source of information is found in such customs-house records as furnished immigration statistics, which have never been transmitted to the Department, or not kept on file.

The number of immigrants is first taken into account in the census returns in the year 1850. This census gives tables showing the number of foreign born in each state and county. The census of 1860 also notes the number of alien passengers arriving in the United States from 1819-60, with distinctions of age and sex. The nativities and intended residence of the immigrants is noted. A classification of their occupation is also attempted. Tables are given showing the annual increase of foreigners, their proportion to the total population, and also their greater number in the large cities. The census of 1870 gives the occupation of the foreign born in four classes: agricultural, professional and personal services, trade and transportation, manufacturing, mechanical and mining industries, and also adds an inquiry as to those having foreign parents. The census of 1880 records the nationality of the parents of the foreign born.

Statements showing the arrival of alien passengers and immigrants in the United States each year, from 1820 to 1888, inclusive, have been compiled, entirely from the official documents, by Bromwell, in *History of Immigration to the United States for the years 1820 to 1856*, and by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics for the entire period. These, with the census returns since 1850, furnish the most valuable bibliographical references.

Statements are given showing—

I. The number of immigrants.

- a. 1820–54. Number of foreigners arriving each year. *Comp. Seventh Census*, 122.
- b. 1851–80. Number of foreigners arriving. *Tenth Census, Population*, 461–463.
- c. 1820–67. Number of alien passengers arriving by quarter years. *Arrivals of Immigrants, U. S.*, 34–74.
- d. Total number for each year found in official reports on immigration, bound with *Commerce and Navigation Reports* since 1868, and before that with reports of Department of State.

II. Age of Immigrants.

- a. 1820–67. Total number of alien passengers by age divisions: under 15 years; 15 to 40 years; 40 years and over.—*Arrivals of Immigrants, U. S.*, 74. 1868–72. Number of immigrants only; 1873–88. Ages and nationalities of Immigrants.—*Arrivals of Immigrants, U. S.*, 74.
- b. 1820–68. Total number of alien passengers by age periods of five years up to 40 years; and from 1868 total number of alien passengers is given by age periods: under 15 years; 15 years to 40 years; 40 years and over.—*Reports of Immigration*.
- c. 1820–55. Ages given in five-year groups.—Bromwell's *History of Immigration*.
- d. Age of foreign born by one-year periods.—*U. S. Census, 1880, Population*, 552.

III. Sex of Immigrants.

- a. 1820–90. Sex given by age periods.—*Reports on Immigration*.
- b. 1820–55. Sex of immigrants.—Bromwell's *History of Immigration*.
- c. Statement, by nationalities, of number and sex of alien passengers arriving in the United States from 1857 to 1867, and of immigrants only from 1868–88.—*Arrivals of Immigrants, U. S.*, 34.
- d. Sex of total foreign-born population, in 1880, by states.—*U. S. Census, Population*, 542.

IV. Nationality of Immigrants.

- a. Nationalities by continents and countries.—*Arrivals of Immigrants, U. S.*, 34–74.
- b. Nationality of immigrants.—*Immigration Reports*.
- c. Total number from each nation, by years, from 1820–55.—Bromwell's *History of Immigration*. SUSAN CUSHMAN.